

Table 3.11. Primary occurrence (location and time of year) of selected juvenile fish and invertebrates in Choctawhatchee Bay

Species	Zone (location)	Month(s)	Notes
Spot (<i>Leiostomus xanthurus</i>)	A, B Near grassbeds	January - April	Highly abundant; spawns in winter; one year lifespan
Flounder (<i>Paralichthys spp.</i>)	B, Near East Pass	May	Commercial species; migrates to Gulf in winter
Shrimp (<i>Penaeus spp.</i>)	C	July - December	Commercial species
	A, B	April - May	Commercial species
Mullet (<i>Mugil cephalus</i>)	D	March - June	Commercial species
Anchovy (<i>Anchoa spp.</i>)	D	March, October	Highly abundant food fish; spawns year round
Sturgeon (<i>Acipenser spp.</i>)	D	April	Threatened species
Blue crab (<i>Callinectes sapidus</i>)	A, B, D, Near shore	April	Commercial species
Gulf menhaden (<i>Brevoortia spp.</i>)	D	March - April	Winter spawner; juveniles prefer low salinity

See Fig. 3.8 for map of FDEP sampling zones and Fig. 3.9 for approximate distribution of selected species.

Source: FDEP 1993.